(f) M/s. IDPL is not involved in the Supreme Court case.

(g) and (h) Do not arise.

Recovery under para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979

653. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKARAVARTY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under provision 7(2) of DPCO, 1979 the amount overcharged by drug companies based on the price of bulk drug allowed in the formulation and actual import procurement was to be deposited under the Drug Prices Equalisation Account;

(b) if so, what is the total amount recovered under this provision from 1980 upto 30th June, 1989;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry gave notices to certain drug companies in respect to Matranidazole, Trimethoprim, Sulphamethoxazole, Gentamycin, Doxcycline, Flucinelone, Ocyphenylbutazone, Tetracycline, Analgin and certain other drugs; and

(d) if so, what are the names of drug companies, the unintended benefit made on each drug and the amount recovered so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The total amount recovered in respect of recoveries under para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979 till the end of 30th June, 1989 is Rs. 116.50 lakhs.

(c) Letters to about 230 formulators were issued between 1983 and 1986 for collecting details of imports/ purchase of bulk drugs in order to work out the amount recoverable under Para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979.

(d) The details to the extent available are given in the annexure. [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 54].

Court directions for recovery of overcharged amounts

654. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 8th July, 1989 captioned 'Drug companies returning money';

(b) if so, what were the total number of litigation cases and in how many cases the Supreme Court and the Delhi High Court directed to deposit the overcharged amount;

(c) what was the period relating to which the overcharged amount was to be worked out and recovered.

(d) what are the names of the drugs, the overcharged amounts worked out in each case, and upto what period;

(e) what is the break-up of total amount of Rs. 594.41 lakhs due and Rs. 4.01 lakhs deposited; and

(f) what are the names of drug companies in whose cases the overcharged amount is still to be worked out and recovered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (f) Detailed information shall be laid on the Table of the House after the Special Team has completed its work.

Details for calculating the overcharged amounts

655. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of INUDSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drug companies overcharged the consumers and as per the provisions of Drugs Prices Control Order, 1979, the overcharged amount is to be deposited into the Drug Prices equalisation Accounts;

(b) if so, what is the total amount worked out under various provisions of DPCO, 1979 and how much has been recovered;

(c) by when the total amount due will be worked out and recovered;

(d) what are the reasons for delay and what steps have been taken to make immediate recoveries of the public funds;

(e) whether it is a fact that a number of drug companies have still to provide the details as asked for working out the overcharged amounts;

(f) if so, what are the names of those companies and what steps have been taken to obtain the details; and

(g) by when all the details required will be obtained?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) Some of the companies by obtaining stay in the Delhi High Court continued to sell the drugs at their own prices.

(b) Detailed information shall be laid on the Table of the House after the Special Team has completed its work.

(c) to (g) The amounts due from the companies would be recovered on receipt of the Reports from the Special Team which has been constituted to determine the amounts recoverable from the companies involved in the Court cases.

Inclusion of drugs under price control

656. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kelkar Committee in its Supplementary Report have recommended for re-inclusion of certain drugs under price control;

(b) if so, what are the names of such drugs and how many have so far been included under price control; and

(c) by when all the recommended drugs will be included under price control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The recommendations of the Committee in this regard are to be considered by the Government.

Committee on DPEA

657. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has set up a high power